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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

OCT 2016 - APRIL 2020 PhD in Biomechanics and Palaeontology
Structure and Motion Lab, Royal Veterinary College, London
Supervisors: Prof. John R. Hutchinson and Dr. Chris Richards

AUGUST 2012 - MAY 2016 B.A. in Integrative Biology
U.C. Berkeley

OCT 2013 - JUNE 2014 Degree of Higher Education in Biomedical Sciences
Durham University
Year of Study Abroad, Certificate of Higher Education

EMPLOYMENT AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

DEC 2019 - PRESENT Postdoctoral Researcher
Investigating form and function of Triassic reptile skulls
Palaeontological Institute and Museum, University of Zurich

OCT 2019 - PRESENT Lead Researcher OATech+ Network Pump Priming Project
Analysing bony architecture to monitor osteoarthritis of the knee
Royal Veterinary College, London and University of Zurich

OCT 2019 - DEC 2019 OATech+ Network Early Career Researcher Placement
Osteoarthritis project, Skeletal Biology Group, Royal Veterinary College London

OCT 2016 - APRIL 2020 PhD in Palaeontology and Biomechanics
Structure and Motion Lab, Royal Veterinary College, London

MAY 2016 - JULY 2016 National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Project: *Comparative Biomechanics, Palaeontology, and Evolution, University of Missouri*

SEPT 2015 - MAY 2016 Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program
Hummingbird Flight Analysis, U.C. Berkeley

SEPT 2014 - MAY 2016 Research Assistant and Archivist
Human Evolution Research Center, U.C. Berkeley

JUNE 2013 - MAY 2016 Research Intern and Staff
Safari West Osteology, Santa Rosa, California

SEPT 2014 - MAY 2015 Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program
Rodent Mandible Morphology Project, U.C. Berkeley

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021 **D. Dwight Davis Award, Society of Integrative and Comparative Morphology**
Best student oral presentation in the Division of Vertebrate Morphology
- 2020 **Swiss Commission of Palaeontology Prize**
Best presentation in palaeontology given at the Swiss Geoscience Meeting
- 2016 **Franklin M. Henry Award, Integrative Biology, UC Berkeley**
Outstanding achievement in human performance and health research
- 2016 **Distinction in General Scholarship, UC Berkeley**
Awarded to graduates achieving high grade point average
- 2013, 2015 **Dean's Honors, UC Berkeley**
Awarded to graduates achieving high grade point average

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* denotes co first author

- 2022 **Herbst, E. C.**, Lautenschlager, S., Fioritti, N., Meade, L., Scheyer, T.M.
A toolbox for the retrodeformation and muscle reconstruction of fossil specimens in Blender
[Royal Society Open Science](#)
- 2022 **Herbst, E. C.**, Eberhard, E., Richards, C., Hutchinson, J.R. *In vivo* and *ex vivo* range of motion in the fire salamander *Salamandra salamandra*. [Journal of Anatomy](#)
- 2022 **Herbst, E. C.***, Eberhard, E.*, Hutschinson, J. R., Richards, C. Spherical frame projections for visualizing joint range of motion, and a complementary method to capture mobility data
[Journal of Anatomy](#)
- 2022 **Herbst, E. C.***, Manafzadeh, A. R.*, Hutchinson, J. R. Multi-joint analysis of pose viability supports the possibility of salamander-like hindlimb configurations in the Permian tetrapod *E. megacephalus*.
[Student Awardee Paper, Journal of Integrative and Comparative Anatomy](#)
- 2021 **Herbst, E. C.**, Lautenschlager, S., Bastiaans, D., Miedema, F., Scheyer, T. M.
Modeling tooth enamel in FEA comparisons of skulls: comparing common simplifications with biologically realistic models. [iScience 24\(11\)](#)
- 2021 **Herbst, E. C.**, Felder, A. A., Evans, L. A. E., Ajami, S., Javaheri, B., Pitsillides, A. A. A new straightforward method for semi-automated segmentation of trabecular bone from cortical bone in diverse and challenging morphologies. [Royal Society Open Science 8\(8\)](#)
Our image was selected for the [journal cover](#)
- 2020 Ortega-Jimenez, V. M., **Herbst, E. C.**, Leung, M. S., and Dudley, R. Natural barriers: waterfall transit by small flying animals. [Royal Society Open Science 7201185](#)
- 2019 **Herbst, E. C.**, Doube, M., Smithson, T. R., Clack, J., and Hutchinson, J. R. Bony lesions in early tetrapods and the evolution of mineralized tissue repair. [Paleobiology 45\(4\)](#)
- 2010 **Herbst, E. C.** and Hutchinson, J. R. New insights into the morphology of the Carboniferous tetrapod *Crassigyrinus scoticus* from computed tomography. [Earth and Environmental Science Transactions of The Royal Society of Edinburgh 109\(1-2\)](#)

PAPERS IN REVIEW

- 2021 **Herbst, E. C., Evans, L. A. E.***, Felder, Jahaveri, B., Pitsillides, A. A.
3D profiling of mouse epiphyses across ages reveals new
potential imaging biomarkers of early spontaneous osteoarthritis
submitted to Journal of Anatomy

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- 2021 **ImagingBioPro Network Online Educational Material Grant**
development of educational materials (videos and guides) and code
[mesh manipulation](#) and [trabecular segmentation](#)
Funds: 1,000 GBP
- 2020 **University of Zurich GRC Grant**
Project: organized and hosted finite element analysis [conference and workshop](#) with over 200 participants
and developed a [website](#) and [Github organisation](#) for sharing finite element modeling methods
Funds: 10,000 CHF
- 2019 **OATech+ Network Biomechanics and Mechanobiology Pump Priming Fund**
Project: Using 3D trabecular architecture as a biomarker to identify and monitor osteoarthritis of the knee
Funds: 10,000 GBP
- 2019 **OATech+ Network Early Career Researcher Placement**
Placement with Prof Andrew Pitsillides at RVC to work on osteoarthritis project (see above)
Funds: 3,000 GBP
- 2019 **Royal Veterinary College Foreign Travel Fund**
To present research at ICVM conference
Funds: 300 GBP
- 2018 **Royal Veterinary College Foreign Travel Fund**
To present research at SICB conference
Funds: 300 GBP
- 2016 **Research Experience for Undergraduates, National Science Foundation**
Biomechanics research internship with Prof. Casey Holliday and Prof. Kevin Middleton, University of Missouri
Funds: 3,500 USD

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021 *Computational tools to investigate 3D form and function in extinct and extant taxa.*
Palaeontology Discussion Group Seminar Series, University of Bristol, UK
- 2021 *Reconstructing feeding function in Triassic reptiles: computational methods
biomechanical analyses.* Public Colloquium Series, Palaeontological Institute and
Museum, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 2021 *Trabecular bone segmentation workshop*
Senckenberg Museum and Research Institute, Frankfurt, Germany.
[Recording available on Youtube.](#)

- 2021 *Motion capture and computational approaches to investigate joint range of motion*
Palaeontology Discussion Group, University of Birmingham, UK.
- 2021 *Workshop: [how to clean 3D meshes in Blender](#)*
[FunkyMUG](#) (Functional Morphology Users Group). [Recording available on Youtube](#).
- 2021 *New methods support the possibility of a salamander-like walk in the Permian tetrapod Eryops*. Comparative Zoology Lab, Humboldt University Berlin, and Natural History Museum Berlin, Germany.
- 2020 *Investigating joint range of motion in salamanders and early tetrapods*.
Evolutionary Morphology and Biomechanics Group, University of Liverpool, UK.
- 2019 *Computational analysis of the evolution of amphibian locomotor modes*.
Postgraduate Research Day, Final Year PhD Session, Royal Veterinary College, London.
- 2017 *Functional morphology of Crassigyrinus scoticus: gaining insight into locomotor evolution in early tetrapods*.
Postgraduate Research Day, Royal Veterinary College, London. (Poster)
- 2017 *Computational analysis of the evolution of amphibian locomotor modes*.
Postgraduate Seminar Series, Royal Veterinary College, London.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* denotes co first author; first author listed = presenting author

- 2021 Evans, L. A. E.*, **Herbst, E. C.***, Felder, A. A., Ajami, S., Jahaveri, B., Pitsillides, A. A.
Do age-related differences in healthy and osteoarthritic mouse tibias show future imaging biomarkers? Anatomical Society Summer Meeting Glasgow.
Abstract published in [Journal of Anatomy](#)
- 2021 Evans, L. A. E.*, **Herbst, E. C.***, Felder, A. A., Ajami, S., Jahaveri, B., Pitsillides, A. A.
Do age-related epiphyseal bone differences in osteoarthritic SRT/Ort versus healthy mouse tibias reveal future imaging biomarkers? British Orthopaedic Research Society. Online.
- 2021 **Herbst, E. C.**, Lautenschlager, S., Fioritti, N., Meade, L., Scheyer, T.M. 2021.
Modelling muscle volumes for finite element analysis and multibody dynamics
XVIII International Symposium on Computer Simulation in Biomechanics. Online. (Talk)
- 2021 Webb, N. M., Fornai, C., Krenn, V. A., **Herbst, E. C.**, Haeusler, M. 2021.
A tight squeeze for chimpanzees: the role of joint laxity and fetal head orientation during birth.
European Society for the Study of Human Evolution. Online. Abstract published in
[PaleoAnthropology](#), pg. 270
- 2021 Evans, L. A. E.*, **Herbst, E. C.***, Felder, A. A., Ajami, S., Jahaveri, B., Pitsillides, A. A.
Do 3D epiphyseal bone architectural changes in ageing STR/Ort and healthy mice reveal early imaging biomarkers of osteoarthritis? Bone Research Society Annual Meeting. Online.
(Talk, winner of New Investigator Award). Abstract published in [JMBR Plus](#), pg. 6
- 2021 **Herbst, E. C.**, Eberhard, E., Manafzadeh, A. R., Richards, C., Hutchinson, J. R.
New methods support the possibility of a salamander-like walk in the Permian tetrapod Eryops. Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, Online.
(Talk, winner of D. Dwight Davis Award Session)

- 2021 **Herbst, E. C.**, Bastiaans, D., Miedema, F., Scheyer, T. M., Lautenschlager, S. 2021. *How important is modeling tooth enamel in FEA comparisons of whole skulls? Comparing common simplifications with biologically realistic models.* Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, Online. (Poster)
- 2021 **Herbst, E. C.**, Bastiaans, D., Miedema, F., Scheyer, T. M., Lautenschlager, S. 2021. *How important is modeling tooth enamel in FEA comparisons of whole skulls? Comparing common simplifications with biologically realistic models.* Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, Online. (Poster)
- 2021 Bastiaans, D., **Herbst, E. C.**, Scheyer, T. M. Bringing fossils back to life: 3D cranial reconstructions of the highly flattened remains of thalattosauriformes. Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, Online. (Talk)
- 2020 **Herbst, E. C.**, Eberhard E., Manafzadeh A. R., Richards C., Hutchinson J. R. 2020. Was the early tetrapod *Eryops* capable of a salamander-like walk? Developing new methods to test paleontological hypotheses about posture and gait. Swiss Geosciences Meeting, Online. (Talk, winner of Swiss Commission of Palaeontology Prize)
- 2020 Bastiaans, D., **Herbst, E. C.**, Scheyer, T. M. Re-fleshing fossils: cranial reconstructions of thalattosauriformes. Swiss Geosciences Meeting, Online. (Talk)
- 2020 Bastiaans, D., **Herbst, E. C.**, Webb, N. M., Haeusler, M. Scheyer, T. M. 3D Data, a gateway to open science: the FEZ initiative. OILS (Open Innovation in Life Sciences), Online. (Talk)
- 2020 Bastiaans, D., **Herbst, E. C.**, Scheyer, T. M. Virtual paleontology: a modern look at ancient material OILS (Open Innovation in Life Sciences), Online. (Talk)
- 2020 Bastiaans, D., **Herbst, E. C.**, Scheyer, T. M. Thalattosauriformes: schedelreconstructies van Triassische weirdos. NKVP (Nederlandse Kring van Vertebraten Paleontologen), Online (Talk).
- 2020 **Herbst, E. C.**, Felder, A. A., Evans, L. A. E. , Jahaveri, B., Ajami, S., Pitsillides, A. A. A new automated method of segmenting trabecular bone: investigating subchondral trabecular changes as a predictor of osteoarthritis at the joint surface. Bone Research Society Annual Meeting, Online. (Poster). Abstract published in [JMBR Plus pg. 51](#)
- 2020 **Herbst, E. C.**, Eberhard, E., Richards, C., Hutchinson, J. R. Comparing in vivo and ex vivo knee range of motion in salamanders: a new method for investigating joint mobility. CAMS-Knee OpenSim Workshop, ETH, Zürich. (Poster)
- 2019 **Herbst, E. C.**, Eberhard, E. A., Richards, C. T., Hutchinson, J. R. 2019. A new method for investigating joint mobility and its relevance for inferring locomotor evolution in early tetrapods. 12th International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology, Prague, Czech Republic, abstract [here](#) (Talk)
- 2018 **Herbst, E. C.**, Doube, M., Smithson, T. R., Clack, J., Hutchinson. J. R. Paleopathologies in Carboniferous tetrapods and the evolution of bone healing. Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, 78th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Poster)
- 2018 C. M. Holliday, **Herbst, E. C.**, M. Jacoby, A. Smolinsky, K. Sellers. Morphometric and modeling approaches to understanding the evolution of pseudosuchian mandibular symphyses. Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, 78th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Talk)
- 2018 **Herbst, E. C.** New elements discovered in the early tetrapod *Crassigyrinus scoticus*. DVM SICB Regional Meeting, Natural History Museum, London. (Talk)
- 2018 **Herbst, E. C.**, Smithson, T. R., Clack, J., Doube, M., Hutchinson. J.R. Bony lesions in early tetrapods and the evolution of bone healing. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, San Francisco. (Talk)

- 2018 **Herbst, E. C.**, Smithson, T. R., Clack, J., Doube, M., Hutchinson. J.R. Bony lesions in early tetrapods and the evolution of bone healing. Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, San Francisco. (Talk)
- 2017 **Herbst, E. C.** and Hutchinson, J. R. New insights into the morphology of the Carboniferous tetrapod *Crassigyrinus scoticus* gleaned from computer tomography. The Early Tetrapod World: a one-day conference celebrating the career of Prof Jenny Clack FRS. University of Cambridge. (Invited Conference Talk)
- 2017 **Herbst, E. C.**, Smithson, T. R., Clack, J., Hutchinson. J. R 2017. Pathology in the early tetrapod *Crassigyrinus scoticus*. Progressive Palaeontology Annual Meeting, University of Leicester. (Talk)

TEACHING

Teaching Positions

- 2021,2022 Bio 262 Evolutionary Morphology of Vertebrates - Issues and Methods
University of Zurich
- 2020 Bio 267, Paleobiology and Evolution of Vertebrates, University of Zurich
- 2016-2019 Research Skills Facilitator, Royal Veterinary College, London
- 2017-2018 Comparative Animal Locomotion Module, Royal Veterinary College, London

Lectures

- 2021,2022 *Using Computer Tools to Investigate Biomechanics of Animals.*
Bio 262, University of Zurich
- 2020, 2021 *Using Computer Modeling to Investigate Biomechanics of Extinct Animals.*
Bio267, University of Zurich

Supervision of Students

- 2022-PRESENT Kehan Pan, Master's student in Biomedical Engineering (Biomechanics),
ETH, Zurich (supervised semester project on FEA)
- 2019 - PRESENT Dylan Bastiaans, PhD student, UZH
- 2019 - PRESENT supervision of student projects in Bio 262 and 267

Tutoring

- 2017 - 2019 Postgraduate Writing Tutor, Royal Veterinary College, London
- 2011 - 2012 Private Tutor (Writing, Math)

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND PROGRAMS

CT SEGMENTATION AND 3D MODELING	Mimics, Avizo, Blender, Rhino, photogrammetry
ANALYSIS AND SCRIPTING	Matlab, Python, Java
FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS & MULTIBODY DYNAMICS	Hypermesh, Abaqus, Artisynt
SCIENTIFIC ROTOSCOPING AND ANIMATION	Maya
MOTION CAPTURE	Qualysis and Matlab
OTHER	Latex

OPEN ACCESS WORK

NEW METHODS/CODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Python-based Blender plugin for modelling 3D muscles• method for visualizing joint range of motion• method for automatic segmentation of trabecular bone• Blender remeshing guide for FEA
FEZ INITIATIVE	Founder of Finite Element Zurich
CT DATA AND 3D MODELS	available on Morphosource and Figshare
OPEN ACCESS COURSE	Completed Open Life Science Program fall 2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2021 - PRESENT	Leading Artisynth Software Discussion Group
2020	organized Finite Element Analysis Conference and Workshop with over 200 participants
2018	Session Chair, Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
PEER REVIEW	PNAS, Clinical Biomechanics, The Anatomical Record, Journal of Anatomy, Integrative Organismal Biology, Methods in Ecology and Evolution Integrative and Comparative Biology, Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences

OUTREACH AND VOLUNTEERING

2021 - PRESENT	Volunteering as English and Math tutor for refugees Students Across Borders
2022	Outreach video for Biomechanics Research and Innovation Challenge
2020	Interview with Real Scientists DE (in German)
2019	Outreach display, Early Tetrapod Evolution Night at the Vet College, Royal Veterinary College, London
2017	Outreach display, Early Tetrapod Evolution Annual Open Day, Royal Veterinary College, London
2017	Guest blog post about <i>Crassigyrinus</i> on Anatomy to You blog
2013-2016	Comparative anatomy outreach events at Safari West Wildlife Park

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATES

2022	Good Clinical Practice online course and certification
2022	Data Analysis for Medical Research using R, Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute, UZH
2021	GAMMA Workshop Balgrist, Zurich: "Models, methods and functional tests in motion analysis". Accredited by Swiss Orthopaedics (6 credits) and Physio Swiss (12 credits)
2021	Scientific Programming with Python, Physics Department, UZH
2020	Open Life Science Course
2020	SlicerMorph 3D Morphometrics Course
2019	Avizo Course 3DMAGINATION Ltd.
2018	MatLab Fundamentals Course
2017	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Certificate Royal Veterinary College, London

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH:	fluent
GERMAN:	fluent